

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a
5 colorant, wherein the toner has a variation of its storage
modulus (G' (NL)) in a nonlinear region at 180°C during 200
seconds, in step strain measurement of from a linear region
to a nonlinear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of
from 12 to 100 dyn/cm².

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2. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner
has loss modulus (G'' (NL)) in a nonlinear region of from
1,500 to 5,000 dyn/cm².

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3. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner
contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight
or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

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4. An image-forming apparatus comprising at least:
an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent
image is formed;

25 a developing unit which develops the electrostatic

latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by a toner;

a transferring unit which transfers the toner image on the image carrier to a recording medium; and

5 a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred to the recording medium by heating,

wherein the toner is the toner according to any one of claims 1 to 3,

wherein the fixing unit has a belt.

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5. A toner comprising a binder resin and at least a colorant, wherein the toner has a loss modulus (G'' (NL)) in a nonlinear region at 180°C, in step strain measurement of
15 from a linear region to a nonlinear region of viscoelastic characteristics, of from 1,000 to 4,000 dyn/cm².

6. The toner according to claim 5, wherein the toner
20 contains a release agent in an amount of 4 parts by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

7. The toner according to claim 5, wherein the
25 binder resin does not contain any crosslinked component.

8. An image-forming apparatus comprising at least:
an image carrier on which an electrostatic latent
5 image is formed;
a developing unit which develops the electrostatic
latent image on the image carrier to form a toner image by
a toner;
a transferring unit which transfers the toner image
10 on the image carrier to a recording medium; and
a fixing unit which fixes the toner image transferred
to the recording medium by heating,
wherein the toner is the toner according to any one
of claims 5 to 7,
15 wherein the fixing unit has oil-less two rollers.